

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be
on
February 17, 2005 in Conference Room B
At the
Powers Administration Building
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

563rd Meeting 1:00 p.m.. February 17, 2005

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**

9. Adjourn

New Appeals:

05-02 Nowicki Street

West Warwick, RI

562nd Meeting February 3, 2005

1. Mr. DeBlois, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. Appeal 05-03, 8 Fraternity Circle, Kingston, RI, regarding water

cooler deletion was approved. The variance request for the number of shower stalls was not an issue because they met the required code.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Carlson. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence:

a. Driftwood Apartments

At the direction of the Committee, Mr. DeDentro said he sent a letter to the Narragansett Building Official, Mr. Santilli, requesting continued update on the Driftwood Apartments, and he read the letter into the record. Mr. DeDentro said Mr. Santilli called him and told him that a non-profit organization has put in a bid for the purchase of the property and they will make necessary repairs if the bid is accepted.

b. Jack Gaskell - New Location

Mr. DeDentro said he received a notice from Mr. Gaskell notifying us that Thielsch Engineering has purchased his firm and Gaskell Associates is a new subdivision of that firm. His new address is 1341 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Electrical Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said the Electrical Subcommittee met and has made excellent progress and will forward recommendations to the full committee after their final meeting.

b. Coordination of Codes

Mr. Carlson said Mr. Farrell has not called a subcommittee meeting on the coordination of the codes. Mr. DeBlois said he would call Mr. Farrell to remind him of the pending date.

6. Legislation:

Mr. DeDentro said the Building Code Commissioner is a designated member of the Telecommunications Licensing Authority, but he has prepared legislation to delete him as a member. It may be introduced by either the Governor's Office or the Department of Labor.

Mr. DeBlois said he is hoping that the legislation for the Fire Code/Building Code will be submitted this year.

7. Old Business:

a. Fire Code/Building Code Coordination

Mr. DeDentro said that Connecticut is almost done with the coordination of building code and fire codes and Massachusetts has not yet completed its work. We have a CD rom of Connecticut's plan. Mr. Carlson has requested that Mr. DeDentro forward him a copy of the CD rom.

8. New Business:

a. Jack Maloney

Mr. DeDentro informed the committee that Mr. Maloney had fallen and may need hand surgery. He is not sure how long he will be incapacitated.

b. Annual Report

Mr. DeDentro told the Committee that he is preparing a Building Code Standards Committee annual report on code adoptions to be filed with the General Assembly. He said he will sign it as Executive Secretary but will review it with Mr. DeBlois. If anyone is interested in seeing this report, please contact Mr. DeDentro.

c. Expediting the Permit Procedure

Mr. DeDentro said he spoke at a Rhode Island Builders' Association meeting before a crowd of 35 people and they expressed frustration about the time it takes to get a building permit in different communities. They were concerned about the differences in the permit fee schedules from town to town, the length of time for inspection, disbursement of ADA fees, etc. One suggestion to help to move the process along is to have a third party inspector review plans. There was discussion about preparing a separate rule and regulation. Mr. DeDentro said he would talk to Mr. Coffey to see if there is something that could be done for the building code and fire code plan reviews.

d. Agenda

Mr. DeDentro said a zoning case in West Warwick is on the agenda for next Board meeting.

Mr. DeBlois suggested that the agenda and minutes be e-mailed to the Board members. A hard copy will also be sent through the mail. You will be contacted for your e-mail address.

e. Master Code Professional

Mr. DeDentro said that Mr. Gary Stepalavich, Building Inspector in the City of Cranston, has been certified as a Master Code Professional in the ICC code system. He is the only Master Code Professional in

Rhode Island. Mr. DeDentro said he would send him a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Committee.

f. Re-appointments

Mr. DeDentro said the Governor is soliciting invitations for committee appointments through his website. Mr. DeDentro said Board members need to be pro active. Anyone interested in remaining on the Building Code Standards Committee can get on the Internet and complete an application or call or write to Deborah Smith in the Governor's Office.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Carlson the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Board of Appeals

Members Present: J. Carlson, S. Turner, A. Durand, B. DeBlois, R. Stillings, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, M. Stoeckel, J. Pagliaro.

Members Absent: B. Davey, R. Brown, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, J. Gaskell, D. Gagnon, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, J. Maloney.

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